<u>Public hospitals daily update on</u> COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 0.00am today (August 9), a total of 1 546 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 195 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 434 patients are in isolation wards, 85 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 429 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 149 in total are new patients. There are four newly reported critical patients and three newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 27 patients in critical condition and 21 are in serious condition, of which eight critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 173 patients who have recovered, including 146 patients who have been discharged. In addition, three patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 57 187 patients who have recovered so far, including 56 929 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 69 567 patients who have recovered, including 69 309 patients who have been discharged.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.